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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISAS FOR ROC CULTURAL GROUPS

REF: (A) TAIPEI 5609; (B) TAIPEI 5223; (C) TAIPEI 5608;
(D) TAIPEI 5490

1. DEPT HAS NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY'S GRANTING VISAS FOR
ROC CHAMBER MUSIC ORCHESTRA (REF A) AND SOOCHOW GIRLS'
CHORUS (REF B).

2. ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, THERE WERE 12 ROC CULTURAL
OR GOODWILL GROUPS IN THE US DURING JULY AND AUGUST. WE
ARE AWARE OF FOUR GROUPS (SOOCHOW GIRLS' CHORUS,
NATIONAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DELEGATION
AND ROC NATIONAL ACROBATIC THEATER) WHICH WILL BE ARRIV-
ING IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, AND WONDER HOW MANY MORE MAY
BE COMING. WHILE WE HAVE NO GROUNDS FOR OBJECTING TO
INDIVIDUAL GROUPS, DEPT BELIEVES THAT SUCH AN UNUSUALLY
HIGH LEVEL OF VISITS MAY BECOME (TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING)

3. CONSEQUENTLY, EMBASSY IS INSTRUCTED TO INQUIRE OF
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FOREIGN MINISTRY HOW MANY MORE ROC CULTURAL AND GOODWILL

GROUPS CAN BE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE US IN THE NEXT TWO

MONTHS. THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE POSED IN LOW-KEY MANNER
IN THE COURSE OF SOME ROUTINE CONTACT WITH MOFA. (FYI:
OUR PURPOSE IN ASKING THIS QUESTION IS ONLY TO REMIND MOFA
THAT WE CONTINUE TO SCRUTINIZE CULTURAL GROUPS CAREFULLY.)

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